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USDA Announces American Grain Exports at Highest Level in Three Decades

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7, 2016 – American grain exports for fiscal year 2016 reached levels not seen in more than three decades, according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) report. As of Sept. 30, more than 132 million metric tons of U.S. grains were inspected and weighed for export during the past fiscal year, an increase of 5.7 percent compared to 125.3 million metric tons inspected and weighed for the same reporting period in 2015.

“American grain exports in fiscal year 2016 are the largest in 35 years,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “It points to the confidence of our global trading partners in the high quality products raised by U.S. farmers and the integrity of the federal grain inspection system. Our customers know that they will receive the quality and quantity they have paid for. It also is fitting that the year-end export number arrives on the 40th anniversary of the Federal Grain Inspection Service.”

Since 1976 FGIS has provided impartial inspection and weighing services through a network of federal, state and private entities and monitors marketing practices to enforce compliance with the U.S. Grain Standards Act.

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